#### PIGEONS AT DELMONICO'S.

BALDS THAT CARRY MONEY TO THE STATION HOUSE.

The Captain Loses His Temper-Com-missioner Martin on the Stand-No Friction Between Him and Byrnes-Never Recommended a Man Who Paid Money-Still Thinks World-Comstock Wants to Tes-

New York, Dec. 28 .- There seemed to a full today in the interest maniested by the public during the pre-dous sirrings of the Lexow committee, our before Mr. Goff had got well un-ber way the court room was rapidly illed, and there was the usual thrung

of speciators.
Inspectators.
Inspectators williams again faced Mr. Goff, and resumed his hard, dry deputals of having received any money or bettles of any description. He got very angry when questioned about his wife's diamonds, pericularly a diamond cross in regard to which Mr. Goff asked him if it came from a woman of ill-repute. Commissioner Martin was the next witness who excited the most interest. Anthony Comstock appeared with a demand to be heard in regard to Mr. Goff's charges against him, but he was refused. Sensior Lexow amounced the hearing would close tomorrow for the present.

Mr. Goff said:

"Through the kindness of the Associated Press I have been supplied with a copy of an interview with Mr. Comstock last night, and I will now say that I decline to say anything or have any communication with Mr. Constock until he puts in writing all he knows and all he is prepared to say in reference to a certain case in which he says I was prosecutor while holding the position of assistant district attorney.

"The chair is still open for any person who wishes vindication, and as this committee will have to adjourn I feel certain that there will be a number of dislimants for vindication after the season has ended."

In the Lexow committee today In-

In the Lexow committee today Inspector Williams took the stand. Goff
asked Williams if he ever had any
United States bonds, and witness said
he never had. Several questions as to
witnesses' property followed and also a
few question about William' yacht Elcanor. Then Goff began asking about
money W rms reserved as gratuities
while in command of the "tenderloin"
precinct.

I ne er knew her to wear one."

"Was it not taken from the French Madame, a notorious woman" "I deny it and brand it as an in-famous lie," shouted the witness, passionately.

"I never knew the French Madame. She was not French—she was Ger-man," was the next reply to Goff's

"Did you ever get a presentation in Lyric hall?" Yes, an album." What was it worth?"

"Two thousand five hundred dollars.
It was presented to me by Jerome
Buck. Several persons subscribed to
the fund to buy the album; among them were several judges of criminal courts here, after I was exonerated on "Did you est pigeons at Delmoni

co's" asked M: -off.
"You are romancing." exclaimed asked M: Williams.

Do you know what a pigeon is?"

"Yes, a bird."

"A bird that flies from Deimonico's that an envelope containing a 35 bill to the station house, eh?"

"I know nothing about it."

"Did you not collect \$5 from Cherlie Deimonico every night and did not a policeman say that was outside your to pre-outsite?"

"You permitted this state of things to go on?"
"No."

The statement made by the grand

"They are untrue."

Mr. Goff read a report prepared by the witness in which he gave the list of gambling houses and policy shops.

"Take the name of John Daly. Did you close his house."

'Mike Murray's?"

Mattie Corbett's?"

"I don't know about that. That house of Mike Murray's was exposed by a World reporter."
"Don't you think it would be a good scheme to get some of the newspaper men to assist the police in discovering rambling houses?"

"Well, some of them are very fellows."
"Did you raid Mike Murray's place?" for "Yes, I found some gambling implements there. I think they were sent to Mr. Comstock."

Then Mr. Goff called up a young man and asked the inspector whether he recognized him?
"I may have seen him before, but I can't locate him."

got each month while acting capts
of the Tendersoin?"

"I never collected anything."

"Well, your wardman did."

"No! he didnt."

"You have got rich on the proces
of police corruption?"

"I I were a rich man I would the here now answering your go

"Did you say to a policeman that at were not such a chump as to lives your money in brown stone houses where it was bound to come out some time, but that you had your money nivested in government bonds?"

"The person who says that is a liar, and you are a liar if you say so, too," exclaimed Williams angrily.

Mr. Goff objected to this language and Chairman Lexow tried to calm the witness.

Witness.

Inspector Williams was questioned as to the dimensions of his yacht, and then as to his wealth. He said he was worth about \$35,000 or \$40,000. He had an account in the Amsterdam bank. He ewned no bonds or securities, but had mining stock to the value of \$100. His Tenth street house was not included in this estimate.

Then Mr. Goff turned to Captain Schmittberger's evidence.

was your confiden

"He was not; I had no confidential

"Well, in speaking to a reporter, I said I had been living on rump steak in the Fourth precinct, and that I was going to have some of the tenderioin, us there were better salvons, hotels and restaur-ants there."

were better shoots, holes and restautants there."

"When you said that you preferred the tenderion to the rump, am I correct in spelling the word 's-t-a-k-e'!"

"No; you are off," (Laughter).

Williams said that he had an affidavit from ex-Captain Carpenter.

"Winy did you get at!"

"So that I could use it if I were hrought en trial!"

"On drail-where?"

"Probably in the criminal court or before the commissioners!" said Williams.
"In the face of the mountain of evidence against you of being a corrupt man, everyone who so testified did so falely?"

the never had. Several questions as to witnesses; property followed and also a few question about William yacht Elecanor. Then Goff began asking about money W 'Fms r. selved as gratuities while in command of the "tenderioin" precinet.

"Not a penny," was the reply.
"Did you get any money?"
"Yes, but not in 'tenderioin' as you call it. I got money down town."
"From whom?"
"From the firm of Fleiss & Hoy, 4"
Broadway."
"How much did you get?"
"About \$5,000 or \$6,000. Fleiss sald he was dealing in stocks. I gave him no money, but he said he was willing to take the risk. I did not know anything about tusiness."
"This Mr. Fleiss is connected with the Hollywood Whisky company, in which you were accused of having interest?"
"Yes, I believe so; but he had no position in the company at that time, He told me his brother was connected with the company."
"Did you ever send for an envelope containing valuable property and have it taken from Wardman Dunlap's room when he was dying."
"No, sir."
"Williams said he lad an account in the Bowery Savings bank of less than \$2,000, and one in Dry Dock of less than \$2,000. He did not have any other accounts, but his wife might have the knew his wife got \$5,000 from Peter Head, Scotland.
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"Did your wife wear a diamond Mrs. Goff had called Captain and Mrs. Martens and Captain Meaken without hand to be a missingly and the standard of the standar

result. The captain got sadly mixed up in his answer to Mr. Goff's questions. He got hurt about ton years ago while arresting one of Billy McGlory's bartenders at the Bowery and Hester street and althoush he was shot in the eve, he fired at the man who was escaping, and shot him dead.

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Is Very Serious.

THE SARNIA LOSES HER RUDDER

Glasgow Dec. 28.—The Anchor line steamer Anchoria, Captain Campell

dead.

The captain made such a silly exhibition of himself that Mr. Goff said:
"I am sorry, captain, that your wife is dead. I have always heard you spaken of as a brave officer, and I don't think you have fully recovered from your injury. You are excused."

Captain Delaney lost no time in getting out of court.

Captain Plane.

Captain Delaney lost no cine in a cont of court.

Captain Ryan, of the Kingsbridge disrict, was called.

He like Delaney, was the possessor of a very rich broaue. He was excused until tomorrow morning, and tall to bring his wife's bank books with him.

Commissioner James Martin was then called to the stand.

"Mr. Martin, it has been said the liquor dealers had ceased to pay money to the

"Mr. Martin, it has been said the liquodealers had ceased to pay money to the police?" Mr. Goff asked.
"I don't know anything about it."
"Commissioner Steehan said the dealers had been paying Backmall, and that here were notified not to pay any more."
"I never knew of such a notice to them."

"Yes, a bird."

"A bird that flies from Delmonico's with an envelope containing a \$5 bill to the station house, eh?"

"I know nothing about it."

"Did you not collect \$5 from Charlie Delmonico every night and did not a policeman say that was outside your perquisite?"

"The ever heard anything about it."

"Tell us about the album which was presented to you by Buck worth \$2,500. Was it not a present from the gambiers of the Tenderioln gotten up by Neuberger?"

"Did not Commissioner Voorhis give as his reason for promoting you that it was necessary to get you out of the Tenderioln, your conduct was so bad?"

"I don't know."

"There was a presentment made by the grand jury calling for your reasoning gambling houses to exist within a stone's throw of the station house?"

"You permitted this state of things to go on?"

"No."

"The statement made by the grand jury is false."

In reply to further queens as a state payment of money, Commissioner Martin sald:

"I have heard of money being paid for promotions in the boilee department and also of money paid for appointments on the force. I never could get any substantial information on the subject. Any man whom I recommended never paid any money, as I would not be a party to such a thing. If I knew a man paid money he could not get on the force or remain on it. During the session of this committee I have heard rumors of bribery and I amvery sorry to have been connected with the department while such testimony was brought out. By no act of mine have I contributed to such a state of affairs. It may possibly continue when we are all dead and gone, as it has been said it has occurred since this committee has been stitling."

Mr. Goff then read a long list of written recommendations from various per-

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"But you watched him this morning the court room."

"I did not. I am not watching to say."

"Well, he is a respectable young man occurred since this committee has been sitting."

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SANTA ROSA'S BIG SENSATION

The County Treasury Robbed of Nearly Eight Thousand Dollars.

LOCKED WITHIN THE VAULT.

COUNTY THE GURER STOFEN IS ALMOST SUFFOCATED.

He Was Knocked Insensible and the Vault Doors Closed and Locked Upon Him-50 Confined For Eight Hours-Rescaed By His Wife Who Knew the Combination-No Trace

Santa Rosa, Cal., Dec. 23.—Santa Rosa had the biggest sensation in its history today. The country treasury was robbed of nearly \$8,000 and County Treasurer Stofen was left insensible in the vault to suffocate by the robbers

Mr. Martin then left the stand and ad-purament was taken until tomorrow

STREEP TO CLEVELAND.

His Letter About Comstock and Matt

Washington, Dec. 28.-The letter

which Louis S. Streep in his testimony

Received.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The letter which Louis S. Streep in his testimony before the Lexow committee resterday, said he had written to the President who locked the door of the vault of him.

The robbery occurred about 9 o'clock this morning but was not discovered without it being called to the attention of the President, was, in the regular course of business, sent to the department of fusitee, as it contained among other things alegations of a scrious character against District Actorney John Mott and the reason that it related to an application for a period on the behalf of Streep and agrees of the word of the wo

him it she could remember the combina-tion. The first time she tried she failed owing to her great excitement. Next time, realizing that her husband's life depended upon her coolness, she was more successful and the big iron doors of the vault slowly swung open. and makes a general and particular denial of the charges. Whether or not these letters will be sent to New York to be used before the Lexow committee is not stated, but it is presumed they will be called for, and if so they will be forwarded at once. of the vault slowly swung open. Treasurer Stofen was found on the floor of the vault unconscious, the safe door was open and most of the money

What helps the ambitious housewife?
Nothing so much as Dr. Price's Baking Powder.

EX-SENATOR FAIR DEAD.

His Death Very Sudden; Kidney and Stomach Trouble the Cause.

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—Ex-Senator James G. Fair died suddenly at the James G. Fair died suddenly at the Lick house at 12:20 this (Saturday) morning.

Senator Fair has been in poor health ow long he could not tell. He says the man was tall and wore ching whiskers and must have gained ad a few days ago he caught cold while going out in a rainstorm to view some of his property improvements at North Beach. The cold did not apparently affect his lungs, but settled in his kidale.

Since I was a soon as he realized as soon as he realized. The efficie as usual about 9 o'clock. As he was carrying out the trays with money from the stopped into the door of the vault and with unlifted dagger in his right hand, to accept any reasonable offer the stepped into the gore the vault and kinetoscope people make for a fight of accept any reasonable offer the stepped into the gore the vault and with unlifted dagger in his right hand, to accept any reasonable offer the stepped into the gore to lay the bedien as the properties of the stepped into the back of the head with rendered him unconscious, for some time, suffering from asthma, a few days ago he caught cold while going out in a rainstorm to view some of his property improvements at North Beach. The cold did not apparently and waited for him to open the safe.

Officers are scouring the country for the robber but not a trace has been with the forda Athletic club is unable to pull off the fight and the diactory reasonable offer the stepped into the vault and the right hand, if America, but I understand Mr. The florida Athletic club is unable to pull off the fight and the proper and the stepped into the vault and the proper and the stepped into the florida Athletic club is unable to pull off the fight and the proper and the p

neys. Last evening he was feeling bet-ter and his death was entirely unex-pected. Senator Fair was about 64 years old. His death was due to a Officers say there have been a num-ber of hard-looking characters in town recently, but most of them have been complication of kidney and stomach troubes. His only son, Charles G. Fair, whom he disinherited about a common tramps. It is the belief of many that the job was done by par-ties living in Santa Rosa who were familiar with the county offices and year ago, was with his father at the time of his death, a reconciliation hav-ing been effected a short time ago. Senator Fair was born in Ireland and knew just how to proceed to loot the Senator Fair was born in Ireland and was United States senator from Ne-vada. He made his fortune in the Comstock lode and was a member of Mackay, Fair and O'Brien. He largely increased his wealth by investments in San Francisco and California real estate, and his fortune is estimated at \$20.

# AN INTERESTING IMMIGRANT.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.-Senator Fair A Young Armenian Tells of His Es-

San Francisco, Dec. 28—Senator Fair had been more seriously ill than his friends cared to admit. Last night he was known to be sinking, but this information was not made public. Dr. Livingston, one of the late senator's closest friends, says that he saw Senator Fair's will, and that the estate will amount to between thirry-five and forty millions. While the two daughters, Mrs. Herman Deirichs and Miss Virginia Fair, and his son Charles Fair will receive large fortunes, the main part of the property, it is believed, has been left to some charity in emulation of Senator Stanford and James Lick, which will immortalize Senator Fair's Lame. Charles Fair, his only 80 as tudent at the Armenian college at Mars van, Armenia, and after seging twenty of his school compinions murther recently married a San Francisco woman and as they have no children, she will probably inherit Charley Fair's portion. He recently married a San Francisco woman and as they have no children, she imprisoned and sentenced to death, he imprisoned and sentenced to death, he determined to escape if possible and quit the town by steath. He is a bright young man. This stood him in good stead when he reached Constantinople, for he succeeded in deceiving the authorities in b lieving him a forcing. His parents were in the employ of the American Biols society and being under the protection of the American the big mine owner of Chimel Rend, the big mine owner of C cago, was present, and gave John Burns a scorching rebuke. His remarks were in opposition to Burns, being granted a probabited class. His flight from Marseat in the convention. Colonel Rend said:

"Mr. Burns is a stranger in America:
"It is, therefore, belitting that he shall observe the decencies and proprieties of the position he occupies. These properties he is constantly violating by merely taking him from the proposition. merely taking him from the protectio of the college and tying a some aroun his neck and throwing him into th orieties he is constantly violating by its constant attacks on our institu-ions. I would advise that Mr. Burns his neck and throwing him into the river. Twenty of the studen s, he said, had been murdered in that way in two years. Two of the professors had been arrested and taken to prison, where, after a mock trial, they were sentenced to death. Previous to the passage of this sentence, Mr. Merr ck, an English prof sor at the colleg, app a ed directly to his country for interference in behalf of the two men, walch was promptly given. Their release was demanded eturn to the country from which he ame and criticize the customs, man-ners and institutions of his own land. know it is the custom for 'blarsted Sultishers' to indulge in improprieties 'milar to these against which I pro-est in the case of Mr. Burns." Mr. Burns, who stood listening all the time, moved just a little from a studied position he had assumed at the ly given. Their release was demanda and speedily granted. The Turk's so-diers would visit the college armed with a firman or order for examination which the college authorities were com-Chairman Chapman, just a trifle conrused, arose and in studied words put the motion to seat Mr. Burns. It was carried, there being but one dissenting vote, Colonel Rend having voted "no." Not having a voice in the convention, Mr. Burns had to remain silent. pelled to honor. The return of the stu-dents thus taken from the college was always promised but the promise was never kept. Two of the college build-ings were burned by the soldiers.

# THE INDIAN SCHOOLS.

Reports Testify to the Good Worl

from New York, arrived here today, and reported that in latitude 55 north, longitude 12 west, she sighted the British steamer, Sarmia, Captain Cough, Accomplished By Them. Washington, Dec. 28.-Annual reports of superintendents of Indian schools re-ceived at the interior department, indicate a growing interest in education by the Indians, and testify to the good work accomplished by these institutions. The superintendent at Fort Mojave, Arizona, says the school has brought about a change in the dress and costumes of the older Indians, who almost invariable use the white man's dress. Mojaves living off the reservation are very anxious to be allotted small tracts of land from which they cannot be driven. There are 1,000 of these between Mojave, Ariz, and The Needles, Cal., who are self-supporting and work. They possess no claims the white man is bound to respect as the land belongs in afternote sections to the government and the Santa Fe railroad. cate a growing interest in education by

# TRUE TO HER.

ROMANCE IN THE LIFE OF THE LATE J. C. MURDOCK.

Benver Yosterday-All Creeds and Colors Mourn For the Dead.

Beaver, U. T., Dec. 28 .- [Special ]-

Brady's People Are Ready to Accept Any Reasonable Offer.

New York, Dec. 28.—Corbett's manple's party, with invited friends, began

club, whose sincerity of purpose is shown by the business like manner in which it has arranged the prelimina-ries of the fight."

A SPECIAL CAR ON FIRE. Hastings, Neb., Dec. 28.-Early this

morning the officers' special car Neknew just how to proceed to loot the treasury. Owing to the start the robbers had, the officers think the chances of finding them are rather few. There are many theories as to how the robber got into the office, but the most general belief is that he got into the foffice Thursday night and hid until the treasurer opened the vault and walked into it.

Morning the officers special car New Jupon the general learning that the start the robbers of the other at a point about three miles east of Edgar. In the car were Superintendent A. M. Howe, general belief is that he got into the foffice, but the most general belief is that he got into the treasurer opened the vault and walked into it. escaped with their lives.

COLD WEATHER IN FLORIDA. Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 28.-Florida

s experiencing the coldest weather it has seen since 1876, with the mercury registering 16 degrees. The thermome-ter seems likely to go lower tonight. This will prove disastrous to the orange groves.

NATIONAL SKATING ASSOCIATION.

New York, Dec. 28 .- The advent of King Frost finds the officials of the National Amateur Skating association on the alert with the programme for the annual championship already pre-pared. Warned by their adverse experiences of the past two winters they have taken time by the forelock and fixed Saturday, January 15, as the date for the big event. The avenue selected for the sport is Orange lake near New Burgh, N. Y. The programme in-cludes races at 440 yards, one mile, five and ten miles. None of the events came off last winter on account of no suitable ice at Red Bank, N. J. In the 1893 series at Red Bank, Howard Hoshier, of Storm King, N. Y., went 440 yards, and he is training hard to re-tain his title. Other entries expected for the 440 yard championship are Jem and Joe Donohue, New Burgh, N. Y.; C. and W. Clark, Storm King, N. Y.; W. G. Dougless, New York; S. H. Phil-ips, New York, and John S. Johnson. The last named has written expressing

his wish to enter for all the events. Nothing has been heard from Johnson's skating partner, Olaf Rudd, who quietly gathered in the one mile championship in 1893, while Joe Donohue and Johnson were watching each other. Even if the holder does not turn up the race is bound to be a clinker be tween the other pair. A strong representation of the young athletic element is expected in the events, as many of the junior experts who have not sped for the shorter race, may wish to try their staying qualities.

OTTO ZEIGLER GETS A SALARY. San Jose, Cal., Dec. 28.-Otto Zeigler, .. has become a member of the Falcon team and will receive a salary of \$300. The contract has been signed and in about ten days other members of

the team will arrive from the east and go into training here. In April Zeigler will start with the team east. ATLANTA AT HAMPTON ROADS. Washington, Dec. 23.—The Atlanta has dropped down from Norfolk to Hampton Roads. Admiral Meade, commanding the north Atlantic station, has been notified this ship is ready for sea and has been instructed to send her on a cruise in the West Indies. She will relieve the Columbia and the latter ressal will be ordered home from

Jamaica to be docked. A SMALL BANK CLOSES ITS DOORS Spokane, Wash., Dec. 23.-The Commer Spokane, Wash., Dec. 23.—The Commercial Savings bank, a small concern-closed its doors today. John Wickham, of Reardon, is president, D. K. McDon-ald, caehier. These two, with J. C. Ksei-er, of Almira, Charies V. Wadham, of Spokane, and George E. Edmiston, are lirectors. The capital stock is \$50,000. The last official statement issued October 2, was as follows:

Capital, \$50,000; loans, \$49,145; cash and

will be ordered home from

tohunge, \$22,464; profits, \$5,215; deposits, LAND OFFICE

CASH IN THE TREASURY. Washington, Dec. 33.—The cash bal-nee today is \$154,408,501, of which \$88,502, 8 is gold, from which must be deducted 1,50,000 withdrawn today and \$30,000, withdrawn yesterday but not heretofor-eported.

FATAL BOILER EXPLOSION. Bowling Green, Ky., Dec. 28.—A saw-nill bolier exploded at Bonair, Barron county, killing five men and badly scald-ng more. The names of the dead are, Brd, Fann, Derring and Spark. The mill was the property of Hard Derring, and was almost totally de-stroyed.

#### DOMESTIC DOTS.

Newsy Notes From All Portions o the Land Over Which the Star

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The civic federation are at last decided to appeal to the Historia legislature to send a committee to thicago empowered to probe into every sublic office about which there is any susticion of rottenness.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Ex-Secretary John W. Foster, about to start for the east to assist the China peace commissioners in agotiation for terms of peace, called at the state department today and had an atterview with Secretary Gresham respecting his mission.

Racine, Wis., Dec. M.—Phalias, the cel-brated stallion owned by J. I. Case, die last night. Fhalias had a record of 2:147 Waterbury, Conn., Dec. 28.—Lealer's h-tel and the Platt block, the linest in the city, burned today. Loss, \$75,000.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—The case of the United States vs. George Pattison, who is charged with complicity in the smuggling operations of the Emerald Smugglinging, will be dismissed at the request of United States District Attorney Knight. Deadwood, S. D., Dec. 28.—Two Sticks, the Sloux Indian, sentenced for leading participation in the murder of four cowboys February 2, 1882, was hanged at 0 o'clock by United States Marshal Pemiller, in the presence of lifty persons. He died sagily and outlety. iler, in the presence of lied easily and quickly.

New York, Dec. 23.—At the next state meeting of the New York Presbytery which will occur on the second Monday of January, decisive action will be taken by several prominent clergymen to have the presbytery go on record as favoring the work accomplished for reform in this city by the Rev. Dr. Parkhurst.

New York, Dec. 28.—A special to a morning paper from Buffalo, N. Y., says: Fire dectroyed the three-story brick block at the northeast corner of Broadway and Fillnore avenue. The loss will reach \$300,000. Owing to frozen hydrants it was thirty minutes before the firemen could turn a stream on the flames. At the Paris exposition of 1900 Dr. Price's Baking Powder will complet And it will take first prize.

#### POPULIST CONFERENCE.

Alabama Populists Will Not Much Longer Submit to Have Their Rights Taken Away-Omaha Platform Insisted on-Debs' Imprisonment Denounced-The Use of Federal Troops in Chicago a Military Invasion.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 28.-The conferen today with an attendance of over two der by National Chairman Taubeneck, and immediately proceeded to discuss the advisability of holding sessions in secret Debate developed a tangle out of which the gathering pulled itself, after nearly two hours' discussion, by resolving into an informal conference with Taubeneck in the chair. The committee proper, be in the chair. The committee propet ing declared adjourned until 2 p. m., retary Turner, of the national contect, was made secretary of the coence. Chairman Taubeneck then a life purpose of the conference as in tel in the call. Upon motion of Ge Weaver, the chair was directed, some almiess debate, to appoint a Weaver, the chair was directed, after some almiess debute, to appoint a committee of five upon credentials, and another of ten upon address, the latter to prepare a summary of advice of the conference. Recess was then taken until 2. At the afternoon session the national executive committee having retired for the purpose of consultation, the conference proceeded, after naming a committee on order of business, informally to listen to J. S. Coxey, upon his non-interest-bearing-bond plan; to addresses by Delegates Howard, Manning and Adams upon the recent election in Alabama, and others upon the general purposes of the

Insal to resort to revolution, that patience might soon cease to be a virtue; that they would not stand by much longer and see their rights taken away. The national executive commissee at this point presented a resolution adopted by it, to the effect that it deemed it expedient for the conference to adopt an address direct to the people, but that the proper procedure would be for the conference to present its views to the national central commistee, they to present them, in such form as seemed best to them, in the chair.

A report on rules and order of business was presented advising a regular form of procedure in consonance with the resolution of the executive committee. After some debate both reports were accepted and the conference proceeded to elect General J. B. Weaver temporary presiding officer of the conference, with W. D. Vincent, of Kransas, and Mitten Park, of Texas, as sectorary and assistant secretary.

After a short recess to permit state del-egations to confer upon the matters to be presented by each, the roll of states was called for introduction of res-

was called for introduction of res-ciutions, etc.

By Alabama (Delegate Adams), a reso-lution requesting the United States Sen-ate to adopt Senator Allen's resolution of December 19, 1994, for the appointment of a committee to ascertain whether Ala-bama's people are living under a repub-lican form of government. Rules sus-pended and the resolution adopted unani-mously.

lican form of government. Rules suspended and the resolution adopted unanimously.

Arkansas, California, Oregon, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho and Indiana reported progress in the advancement of Populist principles and the spokesmen in general remarks insisted upon the conference staming strictly by the Omaha platform. The filinois spokesman, Mr. Lord, of Chicago, in addition to an insistence unon the principles of the Omaha platform, presented resolutions adopted by the Populist city central commence of Chicago, denouncing the recent imprisonment of E. V. Debs and others in Unicago, as an invasion of the rights of trial by jury; also a series of resolutions prepared by Hon. Lyman Trumbull, of Chicago, denouncing the use of regular troops in the Chicago labor disturbances last summer as a military invasion, declaring the use of regular troops a forcing of free men to oppress others in behalf of monopoly; denouncing the issue of interest-bearing bonds, in time of peace; demanding the free colunge of silver at the ratio of 15 to 1, and insisting that monopolies bearing upon public rights should be owned and operated by the government.

A recess until 7 p. m. was then taken.

After the evening recess the conference resumed the call of states for expressions of opinions with regard to the best policy for the party to pursue. For Iowa, General Weaver responded, urging his well-known financial views and assigns that the fight of the next

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veyor Generals.

WHAT THE DOCKERY COMMISSION. PROPOSES.

Austria and the Sugar Tariff-The New Minister Interviewed-No Steps Yet Taken-Foster's Mission to China-The Japanese Minister Neither Approves Nor Disapproves of It-The Petrel Jeebound at New Chwang.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28 -- | Specal.]-The Dockery commission, which, ast session, created such consternation mong the clerks in the treasury department by abolishing various divisions and having the work done on a more economical plan, is now turning its attention to the interior departnent and proposes to endeavor to cre ate havoc among the surveying people. The proposition is to consolidate the coast and geodetic geological and pubcoast and geodetic geological and puo-lic lands and other government sur-veys in i.r one h.ad, centralized at Washington, and abolish the office of receiver in local land offices. This change, if made, will abolish the of-fices of sixteen surveyor-generals as well as receivers throughout the entire west and materially reduce the sur-veying forces. The interests of western veying forces. The interests of western people will not be consulted and they will be given little or i chance to be heard, we it is proposed to make the measure a rider on the sundry civil this bill and executive appropriation bills, and rush it through without notice,

#### AUSTRIA AND THE TARIFF.

En to the Present Time No Steps Have Been Taken.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.-Mr. Von Hengelmueller, the new Austrian minister who has just arrived from Vienna, was seen oday by a repreentative of the Assolated Press conserning the reports that Austria would follow the course of dermany, first in protesting against the American tariff on sugars, and then in retallating again t the products of this country. The mr sier gave the first interview had with him in this country.

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"The Austrian government has not, up to the present time," said Mr. Von Hengelmueller, "taken any steps on the American tariff. The relations with the United States have always been most cordial and I have no doubt they will remain so by a satisfactory arrangement of the sugar duties. The treaty between Austria and this countries. treaty between Austria and this country contains the most favored nation chuse, assuring to each country that no higher or discriminating duties shall be imposed than are placed on the products of other countries. At the time this treaty was made Austria was pay-ing a bounty on sugar. The bounty system had been in operation for years, ever since the industry was in its infancy, and the treaty with the most favored nation clause was made with full recognition of the bounty system

in Austria.
"The Austrian bounties are gradually being lowered as the sugar industry becomes more self-supporting and before long the entire bounty system will be done away with. But the course of Austria in paying bountles is entirely an internal matter, in no way con-cerning other countries. So far as dutside countries are concerned his rela-tions are governed by existing treatles and in the case of the United States the was made with the bounty in Mr. Von Hengelmueller was asked as

to the effect of the American tariff in Austria. "There has not been time to feel the effects of the new tariff," he replied, "Out the McKinley law had a serious

effect on our industries. dustry of Austria is very will undoubtedly be affect great and it reused American duty on sugar. he fixing of tariff rates, high or low is an internal question for the United States to determine, and the only con-cern of Austria is to see that it is not singled out for higher duties than those allowed to most favored nations.

# FOSTER'S MISSION.

The Japanese Minister Neither Ap-

proves Nor Disapproves of It. Washington, Dec. 28.-Minister Kurlno, of Japan, said today the published statement that General Foster's selec-ion as the representative of China in the peace negotiations has the approval of the Japanese government, grew out of a misapprehension. Mr. Kurino views the mission of General Foster as a private affair wholly between him and China. The minister does not think it calls for an expression of approval or disapproval from him or his govern-ment. Personally he has never thought of protesting or objecting to the ap-pointment, as he recognized China's right to go where she chose to select a confidential officer. The attitude of in-difference, he said, has apparently led o the erroneous conclusion that he has officially sanctioned the choice of General Foster. The minister says the selection of a private American citizen as China's adviser will in no way affect the peace negotations.

# THE GUNBOAT PETREL.

Icebound at New Chwang and Eneased in Earth Walls.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The little gunost Petrel is ice bound at New Chwang, China, and has been laid up for the winter. Admiral Carpenter has sent a report to the navy department in which he encloses a photograph of the vessel in the process of being encased in earth walls and roof, looking much like a turtle in winter quarters. A couple of hundred yards distant the British war ship Firebrand, likewise is encased in mud, with a roof of heavy matting. The Petrel, according to the plans of Admiral Carpenter, will be turned into a fartress, her deck works being covered by an adobe roof and Gatling guns mounted in specially for the winter. Admiral Carpenter has and Gailing guns mounted in specially erected tops. In view of the evacua-tion of New Chwang by the Chinese, just reported, and the approach of the Japanese army upon that point these precautions are believed at the navy department to be well taken.

The Yorkton at Chee Foo. Washington, Dec. 28.—The United States steamship Yorkton arrived today at Chee Foo from Yokohama. At this point she will be in an advantageous position to observe the progress of hostilities in the Shang Tung promon-tory, and if need be, to reinforce the Baitimore and Monocacy below Tien

CHURCHILL'S CONDITION. London, Dec. 28.-A bulletin issued today states that Lord Randolph Church-

ill passed a quiet day. He continues to take a little nourishment and his strength is fairly well maintained. MURDER AND SUICIDE

New Orleans, Dec. 28.—Peter Murdock, street car motorman, this evening shot his wife and then blew out his own brains with a revolver.